



**CHINATOWN HISTORIC AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 11, 2019**

Minutes of the meeting of the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee (CHAPC) held on Thursday, July 11, 2019, in the Boardroom of the Chinese Cultural Centre, 50 East Pender Street, Vancouver, BC.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Edmund Ma, Chinatown Property Owner (Chair)  
Andrew Larigakis, Architectural Institute of BC (Vice Chair)  
Albert Lam, Heritage Vancouver  
Sarah Ling, Member-at-Large  
Leslie Shieh, Planning Institute of British Columbia (arrived at 5:57 p.m.)  
Grace Wong, Chinatown Merchants Association

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Fang Liu, Architectural Institute of BC  
Inge Roecker, Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden Society  
Eric Siu, Chinatown Property Owner  
Michael Yu, Chinatown Merchants Association

**LIAISONS PRESENT:** John Coupar, Park Board Commissioner (departed at 5:50 p.m.)  
Allan Wong, Vancouver School Board Trustee

**STAFF:** Amber Knowles, Staff Liaison  
Zlatan Jankovic, Planning Representative

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Roberta Pak, Mosaic Writing Group

**Call to Order**

Amber Knowles, Heritage Planner, City of Vancouver, called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. and noted that a quorum was not present.

**Agenda Varied**

The agenda was varied to add Item 6 – Update from Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation (Park Board) Liaison and to consider Items 6 and 3 prior to Item 1.

**6. Update from Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation (Park Board) Liaison**

John Coupar, Park Board Commissioner, provided a brief update on Park Board issues and highlighted:

- Efforts underway to ensure the Northeast False Creek Park plan represents local communities
- Seven new playgrounds have been developed in Vancouver
- The project to install solar panels to preheat the water at the Second Beach pool is underway

- The parks within Chinatown's boundaries under the mandate of the Park Board include Andy Livingstone Park and Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden:
  - The Park Board is also responsible for street trees in the area.

**Guest Departed**

Mr. Coupar departed the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

**3. Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee Orientation**

Ms. Knowles provided an overview of general committee policies and highlighted:

- Historic Area 1 (HA-1) and Historic Area 1A (HA-1A) zoning
- CHAPC's advice and recommendations regarding developments will be forwarded to the Director of Planning
- The Code of Conduct and voting procedures
- Procedures for CHAPC members to comment during project presentations.

**Member Arrived**

Leslie Shieh arrived at 5:57 p.m. and quorum was achieved.

**Agenda Varied**

The order of the agenda was resumed.

**1. Council Appointments and Chair Election Process**

Discussion ensued on:

- Reluctance to proceed with the election of a Chair and Vice-Chair when all members were not present
- Terms of Reference indicate these two positions must be selected at the first meeting for a period of one year
- Staff recommended the term expire December 31, 2019
- Postponement of the elections would result in the committee being unable to consider further business.

**1.1 Election of the Chair**

Roberta Pak, Recording Secretary, called for nominations for the position of Chair for a term ending December 31, 2019. Edmund Ma was nominated and consented to the nomination.

Ms. Pak called a second and third time for nominations.

There be no further nominations, Mr. Ma was acclaimed as the Chair, for a term commencing immediately and expiring on December 31, 2019.

**1.2 Election of the Vice-Chair**

Ms. Pak called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair for a term ending December 31, 2019. Andrew Larigakis was nominated and consented to the nomination.

Ms. Pak called a second and third time for nominations.

There be no further nominations, Mr. Larigakis was acclaimed as the Vice-Chair, for a term commencing immediately and expiring on December 31, 2019.

## 2. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

MOVED by Andrew Larigakis  
SECONDED by Sarah Ling

THAT the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee:

1. Adopts the agenda for the July 11, 2019 meeting with the addition of Item 6 – Update from Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation (Park Board) Liaison; and
2. Adopts the minutes of the September 13, 2018 meeting, as presented.

CARRIED

### Agenda Varied

The order of the agenda was varied to resume consideration of item 3.

## 3. Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee Orientation (Continued)

Ms. Knowles continued with the review of policies relating to the operation of the committee and highlighted:

- Information distributed in the orientation package
- Guidelines for communicating with the public and the media
- Heritage policies including applicable By-laws
- Design policies relating to HA-1 and HA-1A zoning
- *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada.*

### Agenda Varied

The order of the agenda was resumed.

## 4. Meeting with New Chinatown Transformation Team

Helen Lee, Planner, Belle Cheung, Cultural Planner, and Helen Ma, Senior Planner, jointly introduced the China Transformation Team mission with a presentation titled “Chinatown Transformation” and highlighted:

- The Legacy Stewardship Group (LSG) is a stakeholder group comprised of 30 people that has been created to guide the transformation and inform decision-making for the area
- Concerns regarding the scale and pace of development in the area led to the formation of LSG
- Work is focused on the living heritage to be preserved
- A cultural asset map is being established and will be available online
- An inventory listing has been established to identify every address in both heritage designations.

## 5. New Courtyard Gates at Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden

Penny Huang, Landscape Designer, Planning and Park Development, City of Vancouver, introduced the project and Wan Qi, Principal, JYW Architecture Inc., presented the drawings depicting the gate designs and highlighted:

- The gates are necessary to make the space safer at night and support ongoing activities
- A public engagement process was used to direct the design process

- The gate is punched steel to allow visibility into the garden but will not allow for vandals to climb over the gate
- Traditional lattice pattern was used.

Discussion ensued on:

- The gates will be managed by Park Rangers
- The graffiti removal team for the area suggested a wax layer be applied
- There should be only one pattern used across both gates
- Open house attendees liked the pattern and color selected:
  - Suggestion to continue with the pattern and colour to the Carrall Street entrance
- Many structural requirements influenced the design selection
- Satisfaction that safety issues have been addressed
- The installation of the gates is long overdue.

MOVED by Andrew Larigakis

SECONDED by Grace Wong

That the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee supports the proposed design of the courtyard gates at the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden, in principle, and recommends the following for further consideration:

1. The design pattern be extended from the Pender Street gate to the Carrall Street gate;
2. The gate should have a robust construction including the hardware; and
3. The coating on the gate should include a graffiti resistant treatment.

CARRIED

## 7. Adjournment

MOVED by Grace Wong

SECONDED by Sarah Ling

That the meeting of the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee meeting held July 11, 2019 be adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

CARRIED

### Next Meeting:

Date: September 12, 2019

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: Chinese Cultural Centre Boardroom, 50 East Pender Street

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Certified correct:

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Edmund Ma, Chair

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Date Approved